have also contributed by offering discount on crude oil and petroleum products to partially compensate the under-recoveries of OMCs as per the details given below:

(*Rs. crore*)

Year	Oil Bonds issued by Government	Contribution by Upstream Oil Companies
2006-07	24121	20507
Apr-Dec'07	11257*	15873#
TOTAL :	35378	36380

*For Apr-Sep'07
#Apr-Dec'07 (Provisional)

The Government is closely monitoring the international oil prices and will continue to protect the interests of consumers.

Establishment of CNG filling stations

†1201. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number fo CNG filling stations opened up during the last years for the use of vehicles in various States;

(b) whether any CNG filling station has been opened up in any of the cities in Rajasthan together with the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) As per available information, 76 CNG filling stations were opened during 2006-07.

(b) and (c) Presently no CNG station has been opened up in Rajasthan. Until recently, no trunk pipeline for natural gas was available in vicinity of the major cities of Rajasthan. GAIL has commissioned Vijaipur-Kota pipeline only in January 2007. GAIL has applied to Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) for authorization for Kota and other cities of Rajasthan.

LPG Connections in Jharkhand

1202. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of domestic LPG connections in Jharkhand;

(b) how many are waitlisted for LPG connections there;

(c) how many LPG connections were released in Jharkhand during last three years; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) how many tribals in Jharkhand have got LPG connections during the last three years year-wise, company-wise, district-wise and tribe-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) As on 1.2.2008, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have provided 11.1 lakh LPG connections in Jharkhand.

(b) At present, new LPG connections are available across the counter for genuine domestic customers and there is no overall waiting list for release of new connections in the State of Jharkhand.

(c) OMCs have reported that they have released 58,423, 1,03,549 and 91,390 LPG connections in the State of Jharkhand during the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and April, 2007 to January, 2008 respectively.

(d) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they do not maintain data on tribal families in the country including Jharkhand who have LPG connections.

Security at oil and gas installations

1203. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission's sensitive installations are without modern security systems making them vulnerable to terrorist attacks; and

(b) if so, the details of such installations and the reasons for not installing the modern security systems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) No Sir.

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has taken adequate measures in respect of its vulnerable sensitive installations. All vital installations are being audited/inspected by internal and external agencies periodically and the recommendations made by such teams are being implemented.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

LPG pipeline between Mangalore and Madurai

1204. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to lay a LPG pipeline between Mangalore and Madurai; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) There is no proposal to lay LPG pipeline between Mangalore and Madurai.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a).